GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1118
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2001
IRREGULARITIES AT PETROL PUMPS
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Petrol Grahakon ki Jeb Par Bhari Ek Karamati Garari` appeared in `Nav Bharat Times` dated January 3, 2001;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been/being conducted into this matter by the various oil companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action being taken/proposed to be taken against erring petrol pump owners?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d):The information is given in the statement at Annexure.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1118 ANSWER ON 01.03.2001 REGARDING IRREGULARITIES AT PETROL PUMPS.

(b) to (d) : Checking of malpractices/irregularities at petrol pumps is a continuous activity of oil companies. Inspections are carried out at retail outlets by Oil Companies as per schedule given below :-

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Sales Officer   : Once in 3 months
Officers of Grade `C` and above :  Once in 6 months
Joint Inspection            : 20% of Retail outlets to be covered in a year.


Random Inspection by Officer    :  10% of Retail Outlets to be
Of `C` Grade and above             covered once a year.
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In addition, special vigilance drives are also carried out by oil industry both on their own and under directions of the Government from time to time to check malpractices. Under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, the State Governments have also been empowered to take action and they have been suitably advised from time to time by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in this regard. If any irregularities are detected during inspection, action is taken against the erring dealers.